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Comparison of Excavations at Plesetsk, Verkhnyaya Salda and
Shadrinsk ICBM Launch Complexes.

1. This memorandum is in regard to excavations at Plesetsk, Verkhnyaya Salda and Shadrinsk ICBM Launch Complexes and is forwarded for your information.

2. Further interpretation of excavations at Verkhnyaya Salda and Plesetsk ICBM Launch Complexes reveals basic similarities with the new ICBM launch area configuration identified at Shadrinsk Launch Area A. This indicates that possibly as many as five launch areas of the newly identified configuration may be under construction. This total includes Launch Areas A and B at Shadrinsk ICBM Launch Complex, an excavation located between Launch Areas A and B at Plesetsk ICBM Launch Complex at 63-01N 40-54E, and two areas located between Launch Areas D and E at Verkhnyaya Salda ICBM Launch Complex, one at 58-14N 60-41E and the other at 58-13N 60-49E. A favorable comparison of these areas with Launch Complex D at Tyura Tam Missile Test Range is possible.

Detailed reports on these installations are currently in work at NPIC.

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*Suggested this
info be passed to
for NIA*

STL, ORR Missile Task Force, OSI offensive
Weapons Div. have seen material &
discussed during past week & concur with
PAD PI's on basic similarities - even
that these may represent first deployment
of new launch configuration, suggested
that NPIC come out with cable. However,
joint concurrence could not be obtained
except with AF. Since there is no

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